

MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN "PROMISE"

We promise to walk in the way of Jesus' love by: Looking for the God seed in all people while practicing healthy processes of inclusiveness, showing grace and honesty.

- Building-up community by showing Hospitality, Equality and speaking truth in love.
- Willing to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit with our heart, mind, soul, and strength as we grow spiritually and are transformed in God's love, grace and peace.
- Study, Practice, and Commitment to Forbearance* as we search for common ground.
- Joyously Celebrating Life.

*Forbearance:

Forbearance is a Biblical concept.

The Greek words in the New Testament translated as carry meanings of patience self-control, restraint, mercy, long-suffering and the refusal to threaten (EPH. 4:2; COL 3:13, EPH 6:9, 11COR 12:6)

Forbearance does not jeopardize or denigrate individual conviction, but it does place boundaries on the quality and character of individual responses.

Forbearance does not require one to accept what another believes, but it does require one listen and try to understand what another believes without demeaning, personal attacks, or acting to disenfranchise the other person.

GROUP GATHERINGS after Fellowship

Children 4 and under

Children under 9 yrs

Children 10 yrs and

**TEMPORARILY
CANCELED**

/ Keri Anderson,
Sharon Lemmon
Catherine Roebuck

Adult Group Gathering

Adult Group Discussion – 11:00 a.m. following Worship on ZOOM + Office
Wired Word Lesson

Contemplative & Silent Meditation-Right Rear of Sanctuary.....Self directed

MIDDLEBURY CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Middlebury Church of the Brethren is a welcoming and inclusive congregation offering Christ's hospitality to the world.

Pastoral Minister – Janet Shaver; cell 574-214-6741

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Worship – 9:30 a.m. Sunday School – 10:20 a.m.



We have a Children's Play area set up in the sanctuary for parents with young children. We understand and accept that it isn't easy for young children to sit still throughout the service. The play area is along the back wall to your left as you enter the sanctuary.

We ask that the parents sit close to the play area since this isn't supervised by anyone. God Bless the Children.



Middlebury Church of the Brethren October 25, 2020



TESTIMONIES OF LOVE

October 25, 2020
Theme: Celebration of Ministries

Welcome and Announcements

Opening prayer

Scripture 1 Peter 4: 8-11 NT #235

Testimonies of Love Pastor Janet Shaver

Prelude *Here I Am, Lord* YouTube
Daniel L Schutte, performed by Gustavus Choir

Testimonies

Opening Song *For Everyone Born* YouTube
Beyond the Walls Choir

Testimonies

You are invited to send your offering in or drop it off at the church. Please call ahead to make sure someone is available to receive it.

Offering prayer

We come with our gifts because that is what we do. May what we give bring hope to those who are hopeless. We give out of our bounty. May what we give allow someone else the simple joy of a meal to eat. We give out of gratitude. May what we give allow someone else the security of a safe place to sleep. In response to all that we have been given, we offer these gifts to you, O God. Thank you for giving us so much, for it enables us to be givers of grace. This we do with love in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer Response *Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord* YouTube
Anabaptist Community Choir

Testimonies of Love

Hymn *God of the Bible* Screen

Blessing for the Road:

May the road rise up to meet you.
May the wind be always at your back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of her hand.

Postlude

October 25, 2020 Announcements

TO ACCESS OUR LIVESTREAMED SERVICE go to mcob.org, bottom left of page where you will click on YouTube. Toward the top, click on "Live." It doesn't go live until Mark activates it, so if it isn't there immediately, leave the page and try again.

Today at 11:00 am - Wired Word with Don Anderson - also on Zoom. You have received an invitation with ID and password for WW.

All women are invited to coffee (BYOD *bring-your-own-drink*) on Thursday mornings at 9:30. The setting is casual as is the conversation. Location to be determined week by week as the weather changes. **Thursday, October 29th – location to be announced.**

All men are invited to coffee and conversation in the corncrib at the Poyser Farm on Wednesdays, at 1:00 pm. Bring your own drink. Chairs are provided. Call Steve Poyser with questions – 574 215-2158

You are invited to join the weekly **Tuesday Zoom discussion** from 10:30am – 11:30am. The host will pose a question and all can join in to discuss your answers. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 27th. The topic: *"Considering the virus, how are you going to handle the holidays coming up?" (from Steve Poyser)*

Carmon Cripe can receive visitors at Courtyard if you sit outside his window – Room 320 Dogwood, 2400 College Ave, Goshen - and call his room phone 574 538-3455 so you can see each other while you chat. His room number and telephone number are both on the outside of his window. He welcomes visitors.

Little Lites Daycare is having trick-or-treating for the kids on Friday, October 30th at 9:30 am. You are invited to decorate one of the tables set up throughout the church so the kids are having a trick-or-treat experience. You may dress up if you would like to. Candy will be provided unless you would like to provide a special treat. Let Lorie know as soon as possible if you can help with a table. Thank you!

FOOD PANTRY - Supplies are always being collected; however, these items are always especially needed: cooking oil, all personal hygiene items, and toothpaste. Also, you may donate money for milk vouchers. Bring your donations to the church.

November/December The Upper Room devotionals are in and you are welcome to stop in to pick up yours. The other option now is to receive it online. Go to: <https://www.upperroom.org>, go to bottom section and find *The Upper Room* daily devotional.

JOYS AND CONCERNS October 25, 2020

Please notify Dalis Andrews in the church office if you would like to add a prayer request, share a joy, or if something should be removed.

- **Pastors Janet & Byrl** recovering from Covid
- **Sherry Bickel** for teaching challenges due to the pandemic
- **Linda Byrd** recovering from shoulder surgery
- **Carolyn Ridenour** in the loss of her sister, Marlene Kimmel
- **Anna Yutzy**, great granddaughter of Caroline Ridenour continues with lung and breathing problems at Riley Hospital
- **Mike Sommer** in the loss of his mother, Mary Patricia Wooten on Friday, September 25th.
- **Jill Weaver & Beth Snider** in the loss of Jill's mother, Dixie Weaver on Sunday, 9/6.
- **Beth Snider** as she recuperates from a hip replacement
- **Elsie**, Martha's sister, who will be transitioning to a new healthcare facility
- **Lauren Huebert**, Martha's daughter-in-law, recovering from cervical spine surgery for a ruptured disk
- **Hanna Rhoads**, who is going through transitions with her nursing care
- **Gary Black** update: Gary's last treatment was Tuesday, 9/29. He will have an MRI at the end of November to determine whether his healing has progressed enough to schedule surgery. Prayers for continued healing.
- For all **health care workers** and prayers for the end of the Coronavirus
- **Bill Wagner**, Martha Huebert's brother, whose myelodysplasia syndrome (MDS) is progressively worsening. He continues to need transfusions; however, there is a shortage of blood at this time.
- **Emilie Boggs**, niece of Bev Short and Deneise Weyhmiller, who is out of rehab and continuing the process to reinstate custody of her daughter

- Mike Byrd for declining health
- Andy, Dalton and Gretchen Showalter
- Eleanor Hawkins for leg pain
- Carla Hawkins, daughter of Bill Hawkins and Eleanor Hawkins, for her infusion treatments
- Our peaceful existence in the world
- Little Lites Daycare
- Middlebury Church of the Brethren in Community
- EYN Nigerian COB healing and restoration